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Sir:

In compliance with 37 CFR 1.56 and as guided by 37 CFR 1.97 - 1.99, Applicants respectfully submit the following information.

With this Paper, Applicants are providing a European Search Report that is dated 12 November 2002, along with copies of the documents listed thereon where applicable. In particular, Applicants note that a copy of U.S. Patent 5,191,756 to Kuhn is not being provided since it has previously been submitted.

With regard to all non-English language documents being submitted, Applicants would further note the following: (1) the Search Report is being provided as the required concise explanation of relevance in regard to all non-English language documents listed thereon; and (2) for all other non-English language documents being submitted, Applicants are not aware of the possession of an English language translation of such documents (except that an English language abstract (of Japanese publication no. 1010913 A) is being provided since it is believed to be an explanation of Japanese document 64 - 10913).

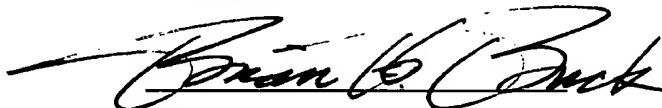
Further, Applicants take this opportunity to note that one or more of the documents provided with this submission has/have been or is/are now being provided as part of a submission (or has been made of record) in currently pending U.S. Application Nos. 09/902,528 and 09/902,084, each of which is commonly assigned to the assignee of the present application.

As per 37 CFR 1.97(c) and in view of the submission date of this statement, Applicants now authorize that the applicable fee of \$180.00, under 37 CFR 1.17(p), may be charged against Deposit Account 04-0525 to permit the entry and consideration of the present submission.

Any *additional* fees or charges due as a result of filing of the present paper may be charged against Deposit Account 04-0525.

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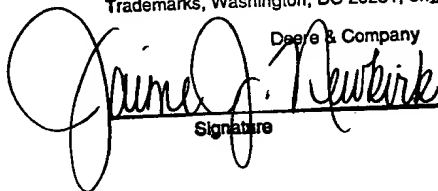


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